

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 22, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-29 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. §101, rejected claims 1-13, 26, 27, and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and rejected claims 1-6, 9-21 and 24-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully provides the following:

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-29 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. §101, indicating that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments provided herein overcome the rejections made by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-13, 26, 27, and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments provided herein overcome the rejections made by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 9-21 and 24-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the article “Best Man: Do It Best Corp., Based in Fort Wayne, is a \$2.2 Billion National Hardware Cooperative” (hereinafter “Kaelble”) in view the article “These Old Web Sites” (hereinafter “Pack), and rejected claims 7, 8, 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaelble in view of Pack and further in view of the article “The Pitfalls of

Doing it Yourself” (hereinafter “Porter”). Applicant respectfully submits that the claim set as provided herein is not made obvious by the cited references.

The standard for a Section 103 rejection is set for in M.P.E.P 706.02(j), which provides:

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the references or combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, **the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations.** The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant’s disclosure. *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991). (Emphasis added).

Applicant respectfully submits that the references cited by the Examiner do not teach or suggest all the limitations claimed in the present invention. In particular, independent claim 1 as provided herein includes limitations relating to an integrated computerized system having one or more computer devices for preparing for the accomplishment of a task, said system comprising: a training module selectively executed by the one or more computer devices for providing interactive training to a user regarding how to perform said task, for tracking training said user has received for performing said task, and for selectively transmitting to another module of the integrated system information relating to training said user has received for performing said task; an estimating module dynamically executed by the one or more computer devices for estimating the cost of at least one of (i) materials and (ii) services required for said task, for tracking information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services for performing said task, and for selectively transmitting to another module of the integrated system information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services for performing said task; and a purchasing module selectively executed by the one or more computer devices for providing means for purchasing at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services. These limitations

are supported by the disclosure as originally filed. For example, reference is made to page 7, lines 6-12, and pages 10-13 of the original disclosure. And, none of the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests such limitations.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that for at least the reasons provided herein, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest all the limitations claimed in independent claim 1. Further, independent claims 14 and 30 include similar limitations, which are not taught nor suggested by any of the references alone or in combination. And, since the references cited by the Examiner do not teach or suggest each and every limitation of independent claims 1, 14 and 30, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art references do not make obvious the independent claims as provided herein. Further, since the prior art references do not make obvious independent claims 1 and 14, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art references cited by the Examiner do not make obvious the corresponding dependent claims, which depend from and provide further limitations to independent claims 1 and 14.

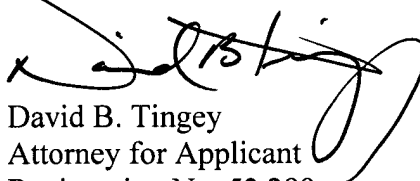
Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that for at least the reasons provided herein, the claim set as provided herein overcomes all rejections made by the Examiner in the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the amendments made herein do not add new matter and that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests favorable reconsideration. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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